



Their marriage just dissolved, Priscilla and Elvis Presley walk from the Santa Monica courthouse.  
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# Elvis Presley Ends Marriage With a Kiss and \$1.5 Million

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Singer Elvis Presley, 38, and his wife, Priscilla, finally ended their marriage with a friendly kiss Tuesday after Santa Monica Superior Court approval of a modified property settlement in which he will pay her nearly \$1.5 million.

In a private session, Judge Laurence J. Rittenband granted Presley's petition for divorce and the pair emerged arm in arm. The singer kissed Priscilla, 25, before he drove away.

"This man agreed to pay her this without any contest," said Harry Fain, one of Presley's attorneys, "because he wanted to be generous and make her happy. I never met a man so unselfish."

Under the new pact, replacing an initial agreement to which Priscilla subsequently objected, Presley added \$725,000 in cash and another \$720,000—payable at \$6,000 a month—to discharge any further claims on community property.

Originally, Fain said, the pair agreed that he would give her \$100,000 "and a couple of cars."

Also, Presley agreed that she shall have half the proceeds from the sale of a Los Angeles home as well as 5% of the stock in Elvis Presley Music, Inc., and White Haven Music, Inc.

She will also receive \$4,200-a-month support payments for a year and \$4,000 a month for the support and education of their 5-year-old daughter, Lisa, until the child becomes of age or marries.

The couple agreed to joint legal custody of the daughter, who will live with her mother.

Priscilla Presley filed a motion last May 29 to set aside her initial concurrence in the property settlement

entered when he filed for dissolution of their five-year marriage in August, 1972.

Until the modified agreement, she had sought to discover more about the extent of the singer's holdings—particularly music copyrights, master recordings, residuals and royalties.

Presley and the former Priscilla Beaulieu were married in Las Vegas, May 1, 1967. When he filed for divorce, Presley cited irreconcilable differences because of the pressure of his constant traveling.